

incidents merely because the lawmaker fears this research could serve as the basis for legislative action that the lawmaker does not favor.

Restricting research because you disagree with its results is unAmerican to its core, a deviation from our proud national tradition of free and open inquiry.

As lawmakers, we must recognize that gun incidents are claiming the lives of too many of our citizens and tearing apart too many of our communities. In deciding how best to confront this challenge, we should seek out and sponsor research on this subject, not shun it.

For this reason, my bill would repeal the current policy rider and express the sense of Congress that no such policy riders should be enacted in the future.

I hope my colleagues will cosponsor this legislation, which underscores the importance of fact-based policymaking, and places people before politics.

TRUMPCARE COSTS MORE AND DELIVERS LESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, in listening to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle this morning, I am struck by the adage, "You are entitled to your opinion, but you are not entitled to your own facts."

I think it is important to note that the reality of the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010 was that there were hundreds of hours of hearings, many opportunities for all Members to provide input, mandatory processes that allowed for changes to that legislation that eventually became law, discussion, and a CBO analysis that shed light on the true cost—nothing like what has been described during the 24-hour whirlwind in the middle of the night that has resulted in the ramming through of legislation that will clearly increase costs and cover fewer individuals.

Mr. Speaker, as a mother, a breast cancer survivor, and a proud Floridian, I rise today in opposition to the majority's irresponsible proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

After preaching for 7 years about a superior alternative to ObamaCare, my colleagues across the aisle have finally revealed their TrumpCare plan to the American people.

As you might expect from TrumpCare, it promises more, delivers less, has fewer protections, and costs more. In other words, it will make America sick again.

To add insult to injury, my Republican colleagues have moved this bill under the cover of darkness, without any hearings or even an analysis of its cost from the Congressional Budget Office.

However, we do have an earlier CBO report that estimates that 15 million people would lose health insurance just as a result of repealing the individual mandate, which this bill, of course, does.

Perhaps even more disturbing is the fact that President Trump told 129 million Americans like me, as a breast cancer survivor with preexisting conditions, that he would preserve the ACA provision prohibiting insurance companies from dropping us or denying us coverage, but he and his Republican colleagues in the House broke their promise and did not keep their word.

The bill would once again allow insurance companies to charge people higher premiums when they have a preexisting condition, which will make coverage unaffordable. That is unacceptable.

This bill will also punish millions of people who experience a lapse in coverage. Before we had the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 59.1 million people lacked continuous coverage for at least part of the previous year.

One of those 59.1 million people was Suzanne Boyd from my district in Sunrise, Florida, who, with two daughters heading to college, was just starting to realize her dream of owning her own special events small business as her full-time job. Suzanne had insurance coverage for years through her husband's employer-sponsored health plan, until 2012, when her husband, Mark, died of lung cancer. Two weeks later, the family lost their employer-sponsored health insurance. Only 5 months after that, Suzanne, now widowed and uninsured, was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma.

As Suzanne has said, before the Affordable Care Act, she wouldn't even have been able to think about starting her own business. She probably would have looked for another corporate job with health benefits. But knowing she would soon be able to obtain insurance under the ACA and that her preexisting condition couldn't be held against her when she applied, she started her company in 2013. She eventually qualified for a plan that cost her \$192 a month with substantial government subsidies.

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Under the Republican plan, people like Suzanne may be forced to pay a 30 percent higher premium each month in order to receive care.

Make no mistake: these massive increases in healthcare costs dumped on the backs of American working families will only benefit the wealthiest few. The 400 richest families in America will see a tax break worth \$7 million a year. That would make the GOP bill one of the largest transfers in wealth from low- and middle-income families to the wealthiest in recent memory.

This tax cut for the wealthy will also fall on the shoulders of seniors across America who will be forced to pay premiums five times higher than what

younger individuals pay for health coverage. Not only is that cruel, but it is also unsustainable.

According to the 2016 Medicare Trustees Report, the Medicare trust fund is solvent until 2028, 11 years longer than what was expected before the enactment of the Affordable Care Act reforms. In contrast, as the AARP noted, certain repeal provisions in the GOP bill could hasten the insolvency of Medicare by up to 4 years and diminish Medicare's ability to pay for services in the future.

Millions of seniors depend on Medicare in conjunction with Medicaid to cover their long-term care needs, but Republicans' plans to make America sick again would destroy Medicaid as we know it. At least 11 million Americans stand to lose their healthcare coverage with the passage of this bill. And if you are fortunate enough not to be one of those 11 million, well, then I hope you are not, either, one of the tens of millions of seniors with long-term care needs, Americans with disabilities, pregnant women, children, or others who rely on Medicaid, because these drastic cuts and per capita caps are going to hurt them, too.

TrumpCare's assault on Medicaid will also disproportionately affect women. This is an unconscionable piece of legislation that must have the light of day shining on it and that must not be allowed to become law. Democrats will stand in the breach to make sure that Americans don't get sick like they used to.

CELEBRATING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOODALL). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, the month of March is when social workers throughout the country celebrate Social Work Month. I am here today to honor a special group of social workers who work in one of the most important institutions in our society: our schools.

To honor the vital role school social workers serve in our communities, I am proud to introduce H.R. 171, to recognize the many contributions of school social workers and to designate this week, March 5 through 11, as School Social Work Week.

School social workers are critical members of a school's educational team. They strengthen partnerships between students' homes, schools, and communities as they work to ensure student academic success. School social workers are uniquely trained and specially equipped to mentor students who face emotional, academic, and behavioral barriers to learning.

Their expertise guides students through serious life challenges, including poverty, disability, sexual and physical abuse, addiction, bullying, and various forms of familial separation such as military deployment, divorce,